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G.O. No. 2121

Dated 27-4-48.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Housing - Timber- Supply to Housing Schems- Papers Recorded.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Memo No. 47455 B II/47-4 dated 9.7.1947.

Sub:- Housing - Co-operative Housing Schemes- Supply of timber.

Ref:- Letter from the Deputy Commissioner Prohibition and Jt. R.C.S.No. 14/47, dated 11.6.1947. (Blagr)

A conference was held on 5.7.1947 to discuss the question of timber supply to cooperative Housing Schemes. The following were present at the conference.

Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture)

Hon'ble Minister (Prohibition)

Secretary, Development Department

Joint Secretary, Development Department

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Utilization Officer, and

Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Jt. R.C.S.

The following decisions were reached at the conference

(1) From out of the timber produced by the Forest Department a quantity of 3500 tons of teak and 3500 tons of Hard Wood should be reserved for cooperative Housing Schemes.

(2) The timber should be supplied at the rates specified in G.O. No. 148 Development dated 15.1.1947

The Government of India are being informed that it will not be possible for this Government to supply teak to the Central Government during the current year. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to arrange for reserving the quantity of timber referred to in item (1) above and for its supply to cooperative House Building Socieites in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

In his letter cited the Deputy Commissioner has proposed that teak arriving at Rajahmundry market may be requisitioned under the Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning Act, 1946, to the extent of 3000 tons during 1947-48. It is considered that such a step may be taken if the quantity of timber reserved for supply by the Forest Department is found inadequate to meet the requirements of the Housing Schemes.

Sd. ******

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests

The Forest Utilization Officer.

The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition.

The Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Memo No. 47455 BII/47-10 dated 17. 3. 1948-

Sub:- Housing- Cooperative Housing Schemes- Supply of timber.

Ref:- From the Registrar of Cooperative Societies No.R.C. 16084/47-Z.2 dated 20-1-1948.

From the Chief Conservator of Forests Ref:- 5157/47-E dated 14.2.1948.

In his letter read above, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies informed the Chief Conservator of Forests that a quantity of 3,000 tons of teak and 3,500 tons of hard wood reserved for housing schemes might be released to other consumers. It is stated that Burma timber is available in Madras through ordinary trade channels and that the City Cooperative Housing Construction Society prefers to use Burma teak. It is not clear whether the Registrar has considered in this connection the position of the other societies, for instance those which have already been started or are being started in Madura, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Palamcottah, Salem and Coimbatore. It would appear to be more convenient and probably cheaper too for these societies to use Government teak, which is obtainable from Malabar, a nearer source. The Registrar is requested to re-examine the position in regard to supply of timber to the societies started in the districts and submit a report at an early date.

2. With reference to his letter read above, the Chief Conservator is informed that, pending final orders of Government no portion of the stock of teak or other timber reserved for Cooperative Housing Societies should be released for other consumers.

Sd ******

TO

The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, with a copy of Chief Conservator of Forests letter Ref. No. 5157/47-E dated 14.2.1948.

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Development Department.

Memo No. 47455 B II/47- dated 7.4.1948

Sub:- Housing - Cooperative Housing Schemes- Supply of timber.

Ref:- L. Memo No. 47455 BII/47-4 Development dated 9.7.1947.
2. From the Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. 5157/47-E dated 14.2.1948.
3. Memo No. 47455 B II/47- 10 Development dated 17.3.1948.

In modification of the orders issued in the memoranda cited, the Government approve the proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forsts that the quantity of timber reserved for housing schemes and not immediately required for them viz., 3000 tons of teak and 3500 tons of hardwood may be sold to the Government of India and other essential consumers. If any of the Cooperative Housing Schemes in the mufassal require Malabar teak, the question may be considered as the need arises.

Sd. *****
25. 3. 1948

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

This file relates to the question of making timber available for the Cooperative Housing Schemes. The file started with the suggestion that some special arrangements should be made either with the Burma Government or with the Forest Department for the supply of timber required by the Housing Scheme. At a conference held in July 1947 it was decided to reserve 3500 tons to teak and 3500 tons of hard wood produced by the Forest Department for housing schemes. Correspondence was also being carried out by the City House Construction Society with the Agents in Burma for importing teak from Burma. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies finally reported that Burma teak is available at cheap rates. At the instance of Chief Conservator of Forests the Government have in the memo on page 49 c.f. cancelled the reservation of Forest Department timber for housing schemes. No further action seems called for in this file. The papefs may be recorded.

Sd. ****
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